

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST-CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231, ON MARCH 13, 2002

AGENT/ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANT

Attorney Docket No. 1263

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date:

March 13, 2002

Serial No.: 09/970,624

Applicant:

Group Art Unit:

1645

Filed:

October 4, 2001

Wesley B. Bruce

Examiner:

Not known

For:

"Nitrate-Responsive Root Transcriptional Factor"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

FILING OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)

The attached list of citations on PTO Form 1449 is being submitted under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97(b) in order to comply with the duty of disclosure. Their inclusion herein should not, however, be construed as an admission that any particular cited reference is effective prior art or that it discloses or renders obvious any aspect of the claimed invention. A copy of each cited reference is enclosed, except for those references which are already part of the filewrapper. This statement is being filed within the time period specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b). No fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

Attorney for Applicant(s)

Registration No. 39,112

PIONEER HI-BRED INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Corporate Intellectual Property 7100 N.W. 62nd Avenue

P.O. Box 1000

Johnston, Iowa 50131-1000

Phone: (515) 248-4897 Facsimile: (515) 334-6883